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Title: DILATING AND SUPPORT APPARATUS  
WITH DISEASE INHIBITORS AND METHODS  
FOR USE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before the first action in this divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53 (b), please  
amend this application as follows.

**In The Specification**

At page 1, please delete the 4 lines under the section entitled "**Cross reference to  
related application**" and substitute the following:

--This application is a division of U.S. patent application No. 09/298,279 filed  
April 23, 1999, which claims the benefit of the following provisional patent applications:  
application No. 60/083, 178 filed April 27, 1998; application No. 60/095,106 filed  
August 3, 1998; and application No. 60/115,548 filed January 12, 1999, the disclosures of  
which are incorporated by reference.—

**NE** At page 19, please delete the first line (page line 5) and substitute the following:  
--provisional submission Serial No. 60/121,640.

**A2** The tubular braid may be coated with a material so that it may have no porosity or  
variable porosity within the individual filaments of the braid. With one technique the  
braid was expanded from its original small diameter by sliding a mandril into the tubular  
braid. Once the braid is expanded, a liquid thermoset elastomer including, but not limited  
to silicone rubber, latex rubber, etc. or thermoplastic material including, but not limited to